




## In an emergency...

- ☑ Monitor radio and TV news closely for information about weather conditions and flooding in your area.
- ☑ Be prepared to leave immediately if an evacuation is ordered. Have alternate evacuation routes out of your neighborhood.
- ☑ Stay away from flood channels and flowing rivers. You could be knocked off your feet in as little as six inches of water.
- ☑ Don't try to cross flooded areas and never enter moving water.
- ☑ Never touch or approach a downed power line, which can cause serious injury or death. Call 9-1-1 to report it.
- ☑ If trapped in your vehicle, stay with it. If possible, relocate to the hood if water continues to rise.
- ☑ Be aware of any sudden increase or decrease in water level on a stream or creek that might indicate debris mudflow upstream. A trickle of flowing mud may precede a larger flow.
- ☑ Look for tilted trees, telephone poles, fences or walls, and for new holes or bare spots on hillsides.
- ☑ Listen for rumbling sounds that might indicate an approaching landslide or mudflow.
- ☑ Be alert when driving. Roads may become blocked or closed due to collapsed pavement or debris.
- ☑ If a landslide and/or debris flow occurs, danger is imminent, quickly move away from the path of the slide. Move to the nearest high ground.

Los Angeles County Prepares for  
 **El Niño**  
 One-Stop Online Resource Guide:  
[www.lacounty.gov/elnino](http://www.lacounty.gov/elnino)

**C.A.R.E**  
 COORDINATED AGENCY RESPONSE EFFORT  
[www.dpw.lacounty.gov/care/](http://www.dpw.lacounty.gov/care/)

## Other Resources

**LA County Fire Department**  
[www.fire.lacounty.gov](http://www.fire.lacounty.gov)

**Flood, Debris, and Erosion Control**  
[www.ladpw.org/wmd/HomeOwners/](http://www.ladpw.org/wmd/HomeOwners/)

**Sand Bag Distribution Locations**  
[www.dpw.lacounty.gov/care/sandbags](http://www.dpw.lacounty.gov/care/sandbags)

**Public Works Dispatch Center**  
 Please call 800-675-HELP (4357) to report  
 urgent issues in unincorporated areas  
 and contract cities.

**Southern California Edison**  
[www.sce.com/wps/portal/home/safety/family/outdoor-tips](http://www.sce.com/wps/portal/home/safety/family/outdoor-tips)

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# El Niño

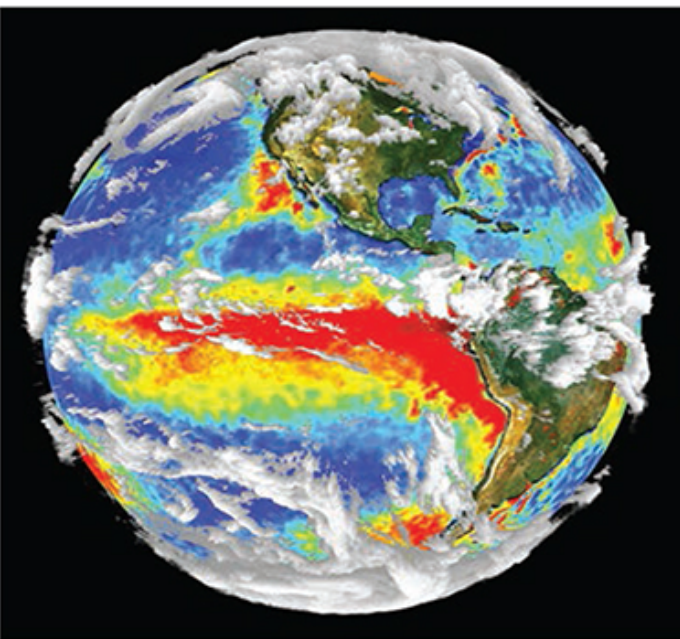
Now is the time to prepare



**LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
 FIRE DEPARTMENT**







## About El Niño

When strong El Niño conditions exist, there is a higher probability of increased rainfall along the coast of California. The increased rainfall can result in heavier than normal runoff, resulting in regional and large scale flooding.

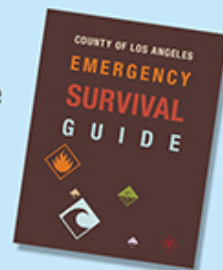
However, predicting how strong this winter's El Niño could become, and the effects storms may have on the West Coast, is difficult. It's important to be aware of the possible impacts from an El Niño winter and plan accordingly.

## How you can prepare

**Alert**  
LA County

Register on **ALERT LA County** to have emergency notifications sent to your mobile phone and email. [www.lacounty.gov/emergency/alert-la](http://www.lacounty.gov/emergency/alert-la)  
ALERT LA County is set-up for TTY/TDD communications.

Download the **County's Emergency Survival Guide** and use it to keep the entire family—including pets—safe.  
[www.lacoa.org/PDF/EmergencySurvivalGuide-LowRes.pdf](http://www.lacoa.org/PDF/EmergencySurvivalGuide-LowRes.pdf)



## Create an emergency kit including the following items:



- Food and water to last three days to a week. Don't forget the pets.
- First aid kit and manual
- Flashlights (and extra batteries)
- Radio (and extra batteries)
- Medications (over-the-counter and prescription)
- Cash and important documents
- Clothing and sturdy shoes
- Tools (wrench, duct tape, fire extinguisher, sturdy gloves, whistle)
- Sanitation and hygiene supplies

## Know how to get help



### Road closures

Bookmark Public Works' road closures website for quick reference.  
[www.dpw.lacounty.gov/roadclosures/](http://www.dpw.lacounty.gov/roadclosures/)



### Public Works Dispatch

Call **800-675-HELP (4357)** to report problems and hazards in unincorporated areas of LA County.



### Sandbags

Obtain sandbags from designated locations and channelize runoff to the streets.  
[www.dpw.lacounty.gov/care/sandbags](http://www.dpw.lacounty.gov/care/sandbags)



### Weather conditions

Check with the National Weather Service for storm advisories.  
[www.wrh.noaa.gov/lox](http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/lox)



**Tree safety** If you see a drought-stressed parkway/median tree in unincorporated county areas, please call **800-675-HELP (4357)**. Concerned about a tree on your property? Call a certified arborist.



### 211 LA County

Find County programs and services.  
[www.211la.org](http://www.211la.org)

